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REVISED CLAIMS

1. A strip (6) of flexible thermoplastic elastomer material (22) of open-cell foamed form having a first, thin, closed-cell covering (24) thereover, characterised by a second thin covering (26) on the outside of the first covering (24), the second covering (26) presenting an outwardly facing surface having a lower coefficient of friction than the first covering (24).
2. A strip (6) according to claim 1, in which the second covering (26) is made of plastics or rubber material.
3. A strip (6) according to claim 1 or 2, of hollow tubular form.
4. A strip (6) according to any preceding claim, attached to a longitudinally extending mounting part (10) for mounting the strip (6) adjacent a movable member to be compressed thereby to provide a sealing function.
5. A strip (6) according to claim 4, in which the mounting part (10) is also made of thermoplastic elastomer material (16) and the first covering (24) extends thereover.
6. A strip (6) according to claim 5, in which the second covering (26) extends over the first covering (24) on the mounting part (10).
7. A strip (6) according to any preceding claim, in which the thermoplastic elastomer material (22) and the two coverings (24,26) are produced by extrusion.
8. A strip (6) according to claim 5 or 6, in which the thermoplastic elastomer material (22) of the strip (6) and of the mounting part (10) is co-extruded and in which at least the first covering (24) on the strip (6) and on the mounting part (10) is co-extruded.

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9. A method of making a sealing strip (6), comprising the steps of extruding thermoplastic elastomer material (22) in foamed open-cell form, and extruding a first thin covering (24) of closed-cell material onto at least a part of the outer surface of the open-cell material (22), characterised by the step of extruding a second thin covering (26) onto at least part of the outside of the first covering (24), the second covering (26) presenting an outwardly facing surface having a lower coefficient of friction than the first covering (24).